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A SELECTED LIST OF BOOKS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ADULTS JUST LEARNING TO READ IS PRESENTED. THE LIST IS UNEVEN AND INCOMPLETE IN MANY SUBJECT FIELDS OF KNOWN INTEREST. SECTION 1 INCLUDES TEXTS, WORKBOOKS, AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TITLES FOR THE BEGINNING READER AT APPROXIMATELY GRADES 1-4 READING LEVELS. SECTION 2 LISTS TEXTS, WORKBOOKS, AND SUPPLEMENTARY RECREATIONAL READING TITLES AT THE INTERMEDIATE READING LEVEL. APPROXIMATELY GRADES 5-7. SECTION 3 MENTIONS CHILDREN'S BOOKS WHICH WILL NOT OFFEND THE ADULT READER IN SUBJECT MATTER, TEXTUAL PRESENTATION, OR ILLUSTRATIONS. IT IS RECOMMENDED, HOWEVER, THAT CHILDREN'S BOOKS BE ELIMINATED FROM USE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SEARCH FOR SUITABLE MATERIALS IS A CONTINUING PROJECT. (RH)

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BOOKS FOR ADULTS BEGINNING TO READ

A Selected List

This bibliography has been compiled at the insistent request of librarians who are working with literacy classes and are searching for materials for immediate use with adults just learning to read. The Committee brochure, Service to Adult Illiterates, accented the need for works of adult interest written in simple language on specified subjects. Since issuing the brochure in March, 1964, the Committee has been in continuing touch with publishers, has examined the lists of works in use in libraries and those suggested by reading specialists, and has had the benefit of the report of its representative in the field. The resulting list is admittedly uneven and lacking in many subject fields of known interest and includes titles which are not completely recommended but have been accepted temporarily until better ones can be located. The Committee considers the search for suitable materials a continuing project and will welcome reports, criticism, and comments from users, librarians, and publishers.

In examining publishers' series, it was often found that certain titles in a series were more suitable than others. In any case, as a rule only certain representative titles from a series have been listed.

Section 1. Materials for the beginning reader, approximately grades 1-4 reading levels. Includes texts, workbooks, and supplementary reading titles.

Section 2. Materials at the intermediate reading level, approximately grades 5-7. Includes texts and vocational works, as well as supplementary recreational reading.

Section 3. A selection of children's books, which will not offend the adult reader in subject matter, textual presentation, or illustrations. The Committee recommends that children's books be eliminated from use as rapidly as possible and that each title used be tested very carefully and reactions noted.

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SECTION 1 - MATERIALS AT THE ELEMENTARY READING LEVEL

Alvsi, Gladys E. and Dora F. Pantell. Family Life in the U.S.A. Regents Publishing Co., 1962. 138 p. $1.25.

_____. First Book in American English. Oxford Book Co., 1962. 241 p. $1.65 (paper $1.10).

Basic Dictionary of american English. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1962. 848 p. $4.50.

Call Them Heroes. Book 1. Developed by The Board of Education of the City of New York. Silver Burdett Co., 1965. People included are all residents of New York City.

Cuevas, Marion. Going to Have a Baby? Baltimore, Md.: Koinonia Foundation, Literacy Center, 1958. 16 p. (paper) $.30.

Cusa, Angelica M. Everyday English and Basic Word List for Adults; useful for reading, writing, spelling and conversation. Noble & Noble, 1960. 58 p. (paper) $1.20.

English Readers Graded Series. Reader 1 - Stories to Surprise You. Collier-Macmillan Ltd. (paper) $.85.

Evenson, Beverly. Eating is Fun. Baltimore, Md.: Koinonia Foundation, Literacy Center, 1958. 10 p. (paper) $.30.

Federal Textbook on Citizenship; Becoming a Citizen Series. 1964. (paper).
Book 1. Our American Way of Life. 105 p. $.65
Book 2. Our United States. 118 p. $.75
Book 3. Our Government. 128 p. $1.25
Wash. D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Goldberg, Herman R., Editor. The Job Ahead, v. 1 - Level I (New Rochester Occupational Reading Series). Chicago, Ill.: Science Research Associates, 1965. 168 p. $3.95.

Goss, Jocelyn P. The Thomases Live Here. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, August, 1965. 130 p. Price to be announced.

Guyton, Mary L. and Margaret R. Kielty. From Words to Stories; a reading book in simple English for men and women. Noble & Noble, 1951. 83 p. $2.00.

Henderson, Ellen C. and Twila L. Learning to Read and Write. (Holt Adult basic Education - First Series). Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1965. 188 p. $2.48.

Home and Family Life Series. Produced by Project for Literacy Education under sponsorship of Federal Security Agency, rev. by E. W. Griffin. New London, Conn.: Arthur C. Croft Publications, 1960, 1961 (paper) $.50 each.
Reader One - A Day with the Brown Family 34 p.
Reader Two - Making a Good Living 28 p.
Reader Three - The Browns at School 27 p.
Reader Four - The Browns and Their Neighbors 14 p.

Laubach, Frank C. The Story of Jesus. 2nd rev. ed. Syracuse, N. Y.: New Readers Press, 1963 (paper) $.60 each.
Part One: Jesus' Birth and Ministry. 61 p.
Part Two: Jesus' Death and Resurrection. 63 p.
Part Three: The Parables of Jesus. 63 p.

_____ and Pauline Jones Nord. A Door Opens. (Streamlined English Series) Macmillan, 1963. 122 p. (paper) $1.25.

_____. Going Forward. (Streamlined English Series) Macmillan, 1963. 78 p. (paper) $1.00.

Laubach, Robert S., Publisher.
Francis, Roger and Sam Iftikhar. How to Find a Job. 1959.
Gillespie, George and George Wanyee. Why You Need Insurance. Rev. ed. 1963.
Simonsson, Bengt and Earl Roe. Good Manners in the United States. 1961.
Titus, Nicholas and Negash Gebremariam. Trouble and the Police. Rev. ed. 1963.
Syracuse, N. Y.: New Readers Press. each 24 p. (paper) $.30.

Morris, Phyllis D. Life with the Lucketts. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, August, 1965. 151 p. Price to be announced.

Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, N. Y.
Adult Readers. each 32 p. (paper) $.25.
Step One (1964)
Second Chance; "Send for Red!"; Mystery of the Mountains; Workers in the Sky
Step Two (1965)
Men Who Dare the Sea; A Race to Remember; Santa Fe Traders; Valley of 10,000 Smokes
Step Three (1965)
First at the Finish; Guides to High Adventure; "I Fell 18,000 Feet"; What's on the Moon?
Readings; English as a Second Language, Books 1 and 2. 1964. each 144 p. (paper) $1.00.
Science Reader: Green Book, 1963, and Orange Book, 1964. each 128 p. (paper) $1.00.

Reynolds, James J. and others. Short Stories of Famous Men. Noble & Noble, 1953. 309 p. $3.00.

Robertson, M. S. Adult Reader. Austin, Texas: Steck Co., 1964. 127 p. (paper) $.88. A workbook.

Rosenfeld, Jeannette B. and Angelica W. Case. Write Your Own Letters; simple letters for adults. Noble & Noble, 1956. 64 p. (paper) $1.00.

Smith, Edwin H. and Florence Rader Lutz. My Country. Austin, Texas: Steck Co., 1956. 96 p. (paper) $.64. A workbook.

U. S. Children's Bureau. When Your Baby Is on the Way. Wash., D. C.: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1961. $.15.

_____. Your Baby's First Year. Wash., D. C.: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1962. $.15.

U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Joe Wheeler Finds a Job and Learns about Social Security. Wash., D. C.: U. S. Government Printing Office. (OASI-85a, June 1964). 22 p. (paper) $.25.

Wallace, Mary C. Figure It Out. Book 1. (Educational Opportunities Project). Follett Publishing Co., 1965. 64 p. (paper) $2.49. A workbook.

Wanamaker, Pearl A. Short Stories of Famous Women. Noble & Noble, 1949. 270 p. $3.00.

Watson, Willie Mae. We Honor Them. Syracuse, N. Y.: New Readers Press. Vol. 1, 1964; Vol. 2, 1965. each 48 p. (paper) $.40.

SECTION 2 - MATERIALS AT THE INTERMEDIATE READING LEVEL

ABC's of Hand Tools. Detroit, Mich.: General Motors Corp., 1945. 48 p. (paper) Free?

Alesi, Gladys E. and Dora F. Pantell. Second Book in American English. Oxford Book Co., 1964. 395 p. (paper) $1.85.

Bontemps, Arna. Famous Negro Athletes. (Famous Biographies for Young People) Dodd, Mead, 1964. 155 p. $3.25.

Brice, Edward W. Arithmetic. (Adult Basic Education Series). Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1963. 300 p. (paper) $2.48.

Carson, Byrta. How You Look and Dress. (American Home and Family Series). McGraw-Hill, 1959. 398 p. $6.50.

_____ and MaRue Carson Ramee. How You Plan and Prepare Meals. (American Home and Family Series). McGraw-Hill, 1962. 562 p. $5.48.

Crothers, George D. American History. (Adult Basic Education Series). Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964. 243 p. (paper) $2.48.

Daley, Arthur. Kings of the Home Run. Putnam, 1962. 253 p. $3.95.

Dietz, Susan M. The Correct Waitress. Ahrens Publishing Co., 1952. 58 p. (paper) $1.25.

Fitch, Florence. One God; the Ways We Worship Him. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1944. 144 p. $3.00.

Forbes, Kathryn. Mama's Bank Account. Harcourt, Brace, 1943. 204 p. $2.50.

Freedman, Benedict and Nancy. Mrs. Mike. Coward-McCann, 1947. 312 p. $5.00 (paper, Bantam Books $.45).

Gipson, Fred. Old Yeller. Harper, 1956. 158 p. $2.95 (paper $.50).

Goldberg, Herman R., Editor. The Job Ahead, V. 2 and 3 - Levels II and III. (New Rochester Occupational Reading Series). Chicago, Ill,: Science Research Associates, 1963. each 168 p. $3.95.

Hemingway, Ernest. A Farewell to Arms. Scribner, 1929. 332 p. $4.50 (paper $1.65).

_____. The Old Man and the Sea. Scribner, 1952. 140 p. $3.50 (paper $1.25).

Hollander, Sophie. Impressions of the United States. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964. 278 p. (paper) $2.48.

Hurst, John A. and Judith J. Tom. Famous Americans. ("...and hereby hangs the tale" series). Chicago, Ill.: Mid-America Press, 1965. 61 p. $1.69 net.

_____. The Strange and the Impossible. ("...and hereby hangs the tale" series). Chicago, Ill.: Mid-America Press, 1965 62 p. $1.69 net.

Johnson, Eric W. Improve Your Own Spelling. McGraw-Hill, 1962. $1.40.

Kennedy, John F. Profiles in Courage. Harper, 1964. 287 p. $3.95. Also Keith Jennison Books, edition in 18-point type. Franklin Watts, Inc. $4.95 net

Lane, Rose Wilder. Let the Hurricane Roar. McKay, 1933. $3.50.

Lasher, W. K. How You Can Get a Better Job. Chicago, Ill.: American Technical Society, 1964. 181 p. $2.95.

Leake, Mary J. A Manual of Simple Nursing Procedures. 3rd ed. W. B. Saunders, 1961. 131 p. (paper) $2.25.

Lefler, Janet and others. The Waiter and His Public. 2nd rev. ed. Ahrens Publishing Co., 1959. 109 p. (paper) $1.60.

London, Jack. The Call of the Wild. Macmillan, 1963. $2.95 (paper, Prentice-Hall $.85).

McCarthy, Agnes and Lawrence Reddick. Worth Fighting For; a history of the Negro in the United States during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Doubleday, 1965. 118 p. $2.95 (paper $1.45).

Maternity Center Association. A Baby Is Born; the picture story of a baby from conception through birth. 3rd ed. Grosset & Dunlap, 1964. 63 p. $3.95.

Moses, Anna M. Grandma Moses: My Life's History. Harper, 1952. 140 p. $5.50.

Pfeiffer, William B. and Walter O. Voegele. The Correct Maid for Hotels and Motels. Ahrens Publishing Co., 1960. 63 p. (paper) $1.40.

Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, N. Y.
Readings: English as a Second Language, Books 3 and 4. 1963. each 144 p. (paper) $1.00.
Science Reader: Blue Book, 1961, and Red Book, 1962. each 144 p. (paper) $1.00.

Schaefer, Jack. Shane. Houghton Mifflin, 1954. 214 p. $3.25 (paper $1.24).

Tregaskis, Richard. Guadalcanal Diary. (Landmark Books) Random House, 1943. 192 p. $2.28 (paper, Popular Library, Inc., $.40).

Turner, Richard H. Turner-Livingston Reading Series. Follett Publishing Co., 1962-1965. each 48 p. (paper) $1.00.
The Family You Belong To; The Friends You Make; The Jobs You Get; The Money You Spend; The Person You Are; The Television you Watch; The Town You Live In. Workbooks.

U. S. Children's Bureau. Infant Care. Wash., D. C.: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1963. 108 p. (paper) $.20.

_____. Your Child from One to Six. Wash., D. C.: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1962. 97 p. (paper) $.20.

Weinhold, Clyde E. English. (Adult Basic Education Series). Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1962. 154 p. (paper) $1.68.

"News for You," Newspaper in Easy English for Adults, published by Robert S. Laubach. Syracuse, N. Y. Weekly during the school year in Levels AA (easiest), A (easy), and B (harder). $1.25 a semester (15 weeks).

SECTION 3 - A SELECTION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Allee, Veva. About the Vegetables on Your Plate. Melmont Publishers, 1960. 31 p. $2.50

Allen, Maury. Ten Great Moments in Sports. (Interesting Reading Series). Follett Publishing Co., 1961. 58 p. $2.08.

Bragdon, Lillian J. Abraham Lincoln, Courageous Leader. (Makers of America Series). Abingdon Press, 1960. 125 p. $1.75.

Cary, Barbara. Meet Abraham Lincoln. (Step-Up Books). Random House, 1965. 86 p. $1.95.

Clayton, Ed. Martin Luther King: the Peaceful Warrior. (P-H Junior Research Books). Prentice-Hall, 1964. 80 p. $3.25.

Commager, Henry S. The First Book of American History. Franklin Watts, Inc., 1957. 62 p. $2.65.

Corbett, Scott. What Makes a Car Go? Little, Brown, 1963. 43 p. $2.50.

Kibling, Harold H. and others. Great Names in American History. (Laidlaw History Series). Laidlaw Brothers, 1965. 312 p.

Elkin, Benjamin. True Book of Money. Children's Press, Inc., 1960. 48 p. $2.00.

Epstein, Samuel and Beryl. George Washington Carver: Negro Scientist. (Discovery Books). Garrard Publishing Co., 1960. $1.98.

Evans, Eva K. All About Us. Golden Press, 1947. 95 p. $3.95.

Farquhar, Margaret C. Colonial Life in America. (A Book to Begin on). Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1962. 42 p. $2.57.

Freeman, Mae and Ira. The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars. (Easy-to-Read Science Library). Random House, 1959. 61 p. $1.95.

Johnson, Gerald W. The Congress. Morrow, 1963. 128 p. $2.95.

Johnston, Johanna. Together in America. Dodd, Mead, 1965. $3.50.

McCall, Edith. Pioneer Traders. (Frontiers of America). Children's Press, Inc., 1964. 127 p. $2.50.

McGovern, Ann. Runaway Slave; The Story of Harriet Tubman. Scholastic Book Services, 1965. 64 p. (paper) $.45.

Manus, Willard. Sea Treasure. Doubleday (Signal Book), 1961. 139 p. $2.95.

Moore, Lilian. The Golden Picture Dictionary; more than 800 words for beginning readers. Golden Press, 1954. 80 p. $1.95.

Parker, Gordon. Great Moments in American History. (Interesting Reading Series). Follett Publishing Co., 1961. 43 p. $2.08.

Perkins, Wilma. The Fannie Farmer Junior Cook Book. New and rev. ed. Little, Brown, 1957. 179 p. $3.95.

Phelan, Mary K. The White House. (A Book to Begin on). Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1962. 48 p. $2.50.

Philips, Eleanor. About the Driver of a Bus. Melmont Publishers, 1959. 32 p. $2.50.

Powers, David. First Book of How to Make a Speech. Franklin Watts, Inc., 1963. $2.65.

Ravielli, Anthony. Wonders of the Human Body. Viking, 1954. 125 p. $2.50.

Shannon, Terry. About Food and Where It Comes From. Melmont Publishers, 1961. 32 p. $2.50.

Shirer, William L. Rise and Fall of Adolf Hitler. (World Landmark #47). Random House, 1961. 185 p. $1.95.

Snyder, Louis L. The First Book of World War II. Franklin Watts, Inc., 1958. 94 p. $1.95.

Stever, Dorothy V. The Wholesale Produce Market. Melmont Publishers, 1955. 31 p. $2.50.

Whipple, Gertrude and Preston E. James. Using Our Earth. Rev. ed. Macmillan, 1954. 296 p. $3.12.

White, Nancy. Meet John F. Kennedy. (Step-Up Books). Random House, 1965. $1.95.

Wright, Wendell W. The Rainbow Dictionary. World Publishing Co., 1959. 433 p. $4.95.